

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this narrative review, the Authors describe clinical and epidemiological features of IBS in three Asian populations, and they compare those features among the three studied populations and highlight differences between Western and Asian IBS patients. The manuscript is complete and well written. The topic is potentially of major interest to a large readership. Yet, I have the following comments/suggestions: 1. The abstract is too short; it should be more informative. 2. One or two more key words are needed (e.g. perspectives; symptoms; clinical.....). A recent study was published on Gut (Gut. 2017 Jun 7. pii: gutjnl-2016-312852. doi: 10.1136/gutjnl-2016-312852. Rome Foundation-Asian working team report: Asian functional gastrointestinal disorder symptom clusters. Siah KTH1,2, Gong X3,4, Yang XJ5, Whitehead WE6, Chen M4, Hou X7, Pratap N8, Ghoshal UC9, Syam AF10, Abdullah M10, Choi MG11, Bak YT12, Lu CL13, Gonlachanvit S14, Boon CS15, Fang F16, Cheong PK16, Wu JCY16, Gwee KA2), and I believe that it would



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be appropriate to discuss the results of that study in the section "SYMPTOM PROFILE AND DIAGNOSIS OF IBS". 3. The tables should be numbered using the Arabic numbers (e.g Table 1, Table 2). Also, in the tables, the abbreviation IBS should be explained under the table. 4. The summary section is somehow weak; for instance, the Authors need to suggest clear cut directions for future studies and their utility in clinical practice as well.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting review that highlights differences in the presentation of IBS in different Asian populations. Although this is a narrative review, not a systematic one, I have enjoyed reading it and I have no major concerns. Minor points - the authors should quote all recent work from the Asian Working Team of the Rome foundation; - the importance of translating disease-specific questionnaires into the local language should be mentioned (there is increasing literature on the topic, specifically related to Asian populations); the authors should specify (wherever relevant) whether or not local languages were used in obtaining data for the three countries of this work; - especially for the general readership, it could be useful to have a table stating current diagnostic criteria according to ROME IV, differences with previous diagnostic criteria and specific issues for Asian populations; - I noticed some typos.

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The study is relevant and very interesting because it offers an overview of the clinical and demographic aspects of IBS in eastern countries. It addresses the fundamental differences between the east and the West, as the predominantly rural profile, the largest prevalence of parasitosis, the intestinal habit, the consumption of fibres in the diet, and the profile of food intolerance in these countries in relation to Western and developed countries. It highlights the same difficulties as we encountered in Western countries in relation to the studies of IBS prevalence, as a result of the methods used. I would like to suggest the inclusion of a bibliographical reference in relation to the prevalence of IBS in 2 regions in Brazil (rural and urban) in article written by our research group : "Prevalence of irritable bowel syndrome in a Brazilian Amazon community" Article in Neurogastroenterology and Motility 17(6):883 · January 2006 DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-2982.2005.00722.x I suggest publishing this revision which has relevant

content and proper bibliographical revision. However, an extensive correction of the language used is required.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a narrative review article of an interesting topic especially for the South and East-South Asia region. The study reviewed several unique aspects of IBS in the populations of India, Bangladesh and Malaysia and compared the features with other IBS patient populations of different countries. Generally speaking it is a well-done article, and we just have some minor suggestions: 1. The authors should try to include all recent high-quality relative original studies, either in English or local language. And if necessary (for publication), mark the non-English reference article. If non-English studies were not included in this review, it should be mentioned clearly in the head of the article. Most probably readers will have same the doubts as we had. 2. There are a lot of comparison between the countries or regions in the manuscript. In order to make the article more smooth and readable, it will be appreciated if comparison in these paragraphs can be re-arranged in a similar sequence. 3. Some language mistakes



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Dr. Rahman, et al. reviewed Epidemiological and Clinical perspectives on Irritable Bowel Syndrome in India, Bangladesh and Malaysia: A Review. However, the article is informative and well-presented. The reviewer has no comments.